

ADDENDA

In 1984 the Department of Natural Resources contracted with Joe Getty to conduct a follow-up survey of selected historic properties on DNR lands. DNR funded the field survey and photography but did not prepare finished copy. The attached photocopy pages were forwarded to the Maryland Historical Trust to supplement existing files. All original material and photographs remain in the possession of the Department of Natural Resources under the supervision of Ross Kimmel (x3771).

DRAFT--Morrison Barn

The Morrison Barn is a large frame bank barn dating from the late nineteenth century. The vertical siding of the barn has been removed so that the structure stands now as an exposed frame structure on a sandstone foundation. The original barn was forty by eighty feet and the ~~four~~^{two} bay was extended through an addition of two stories that extended twenty-four feet on the west facade. The structure had a gable roof covered in sheet metal. Traditionally late nineteenth century construction methods for barns are used in this structure.

The Morrison Barn is part of a farm property that once stood off the Old Town Road in Greenridge State Forest. The site is located about two and one-half miles northeast of Old Town. ^{It} is on the eastern slope of Stratford Ridge and the ~~land~~^{farmland} was a fairly level site along Town Creek.

The Morrison Barn was part ^{of a} farm complex that has since been demolished. The barn is the only structure remaining of what included a sandstone farmhouse and a separate sandstone springhouse. The foundation of the barn is built of ^a ~~this~~ yellowish sandstone which ^{apparently} was found ~~probably~~ in the immediate vicinity of the building site. The stone is easily shaped and foundation consists of square blocks with ~~fairly~~ thin mortar joints.

With the vertical siding of the barn removed, except for that in the two gables, the framing of the barn is ^{open to view.} ~~easy to see~~. The framing system ^{follows common practice} ~~resembles that~~ used frequently in late nineteenth century barn construction. It consists of eight-inch by eight-inch posts that are mortised and tenoned to other framing members. The interior posts support principle purlins that carry a log common rafter roof. The interior framing system is frequently supported with corner bracing of the framing system and several framing sections have corner bracing both at the bottom and upper corners. As sometimes is

DRAFT--Morrison Barn

the case in these framing systems, ~~in~~ the Morrison Barn ~~the~~ common rafters are tied into a ridge pole. The main floor of the barn has random length ^{and} ~~in~~ width hardwood flooring. The ground level of the barn is sectioned off into stalls of which only the partitions and feeding troughs remain.

The addition on the four bay side of the barn appears to date from the early twentieth century. An early photograph shows that this was a two story section. Remaining on the ground level is some evidence of the hayracks and stall arrangement.

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. AL II-B-127

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common

Morrism Barn

2. Location

street & number

west side of Oldtown Road

not for publication

city, town

Oldtown

X vicinity of

congressional district

Sixth

state

Maryland

county

Allegany

3. Classification

Category

 district

X building(s)

 structure

 site

 object

Ownership

X public

 private

 both

Public Acquisition

 in process

 being considered

 not applicable

Status

 occupied

X unoccupied

 work in progress

Accessible

X yes: restricted

 yes: unrestricted

 no

Present Use

 agriculture

 commercial

 educational

 entertainment

 government

 industrial

 military

 museum

 park

 private residence

 religious

 scientific

 transportation

X other: none

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name

Department of Natural Resources

street & number

Two State Office Bldg

telephone no.: 269-3771

city, town

Annapolis

state and zip code

MD 21401

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.

Allegany Co. Courthouse

liber

street & number

Washington Street

folio

city, town

Cumberland

state

MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

DNR Survey

date

February 1974

 federal X state county local

depository for survey records

Dept. of Natural Resources

city, town

Annapolis

state

MD

7. Description

Survey No.

Condition	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	Check one	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	Check one	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
	<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move	
	<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed					

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

8. Significance

Survey No. AL-II-B-127

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. *AL-II-B-127*

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone Easting NorthingB

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Zone Easting NorthingC

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D

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E

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H

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Verbal boundary description and justification _____

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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1. Form Prepared By

name/title *Jae Getty*organization *Dept. of Natural Resources* date *February 1984*street & number *Texas State Office Bldg* telephone *269-3771*city or town *Annapolis* state *MD*

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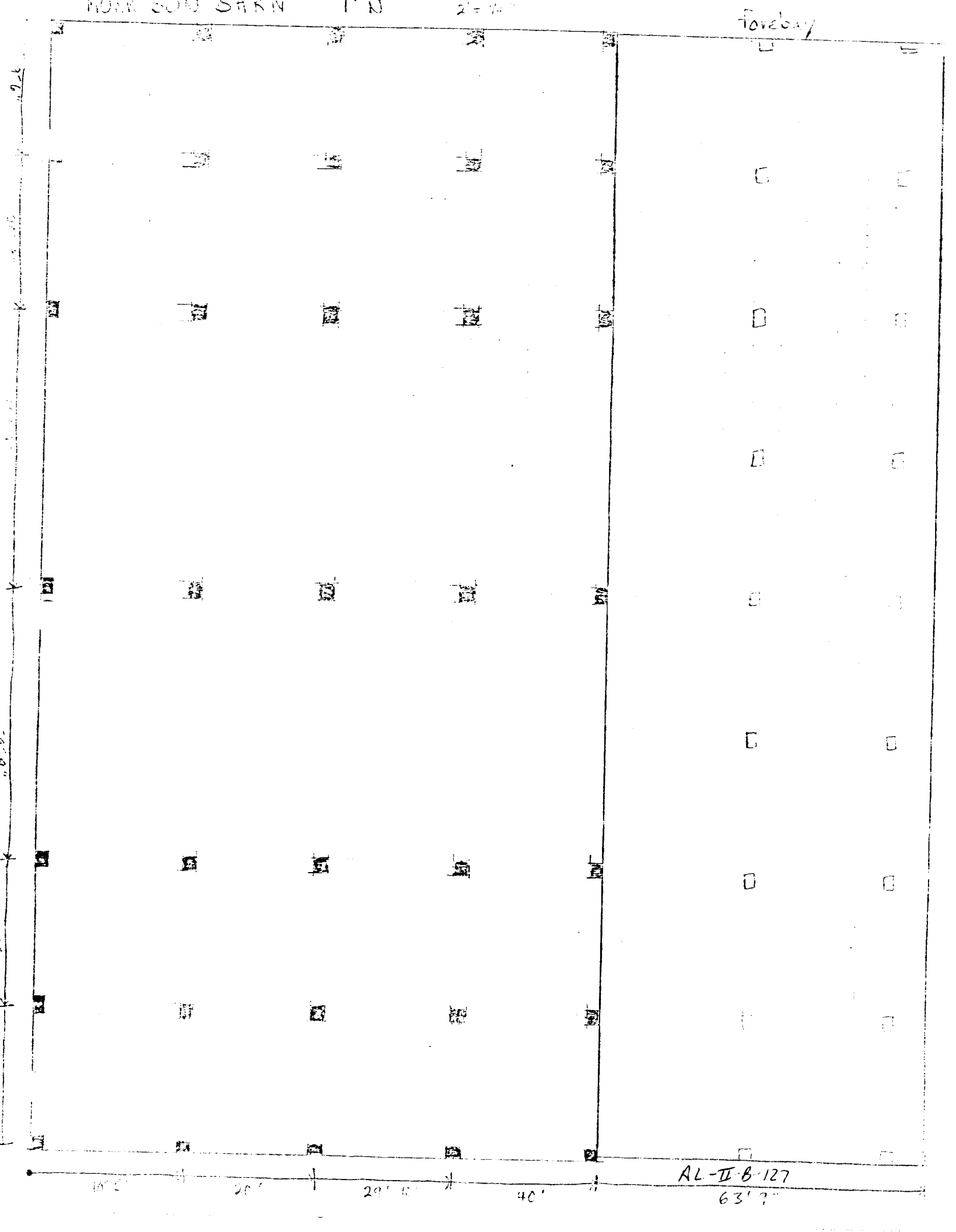
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Shaw House
21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 269-2438

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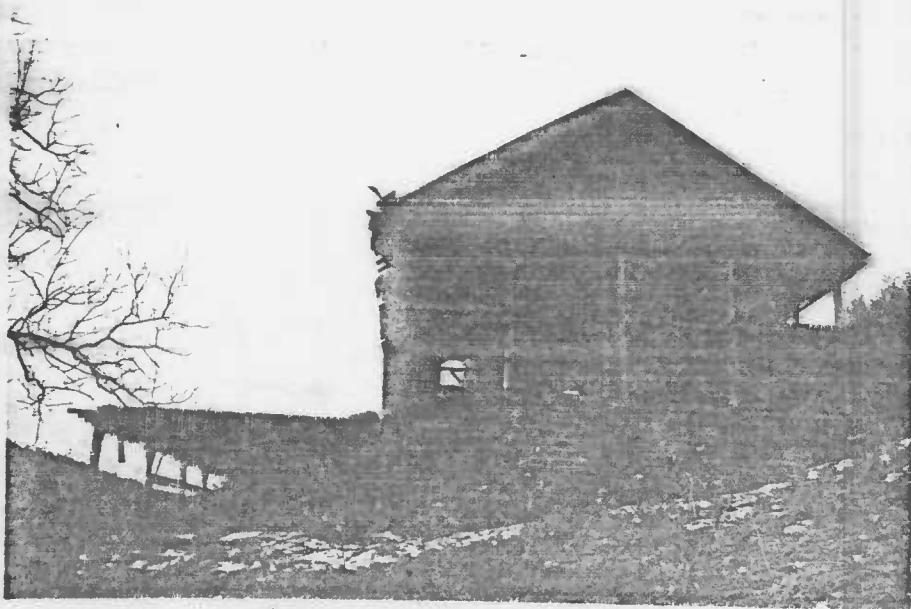
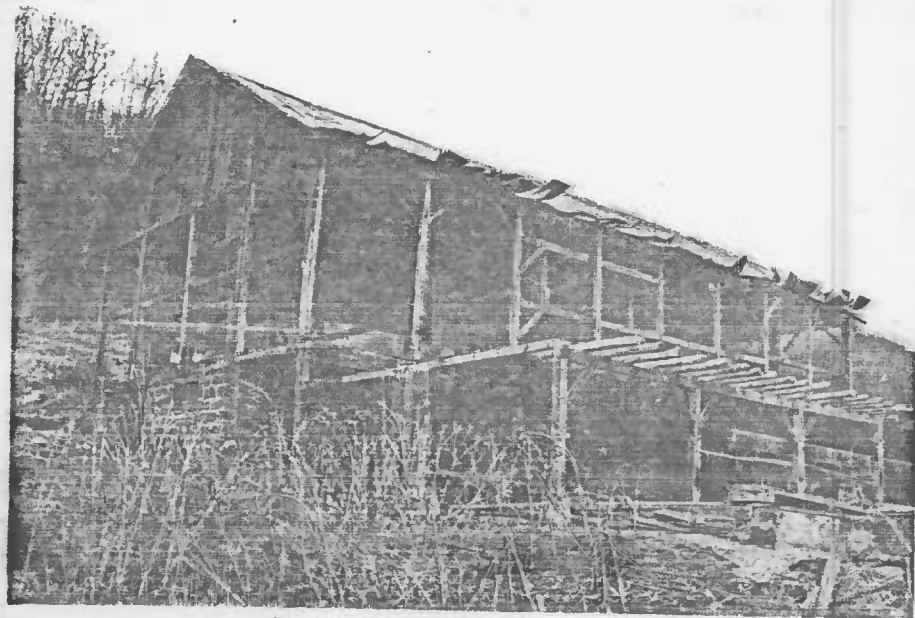
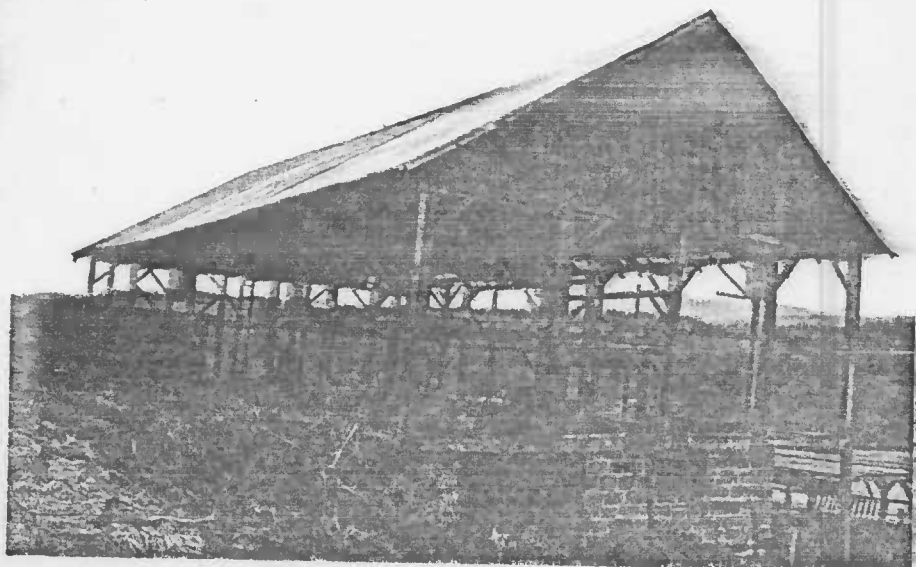
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Forebay



AL-II-B-127 Mounson Barn

top - West & South Facades
center - South & East Facades
bottom - North Facade

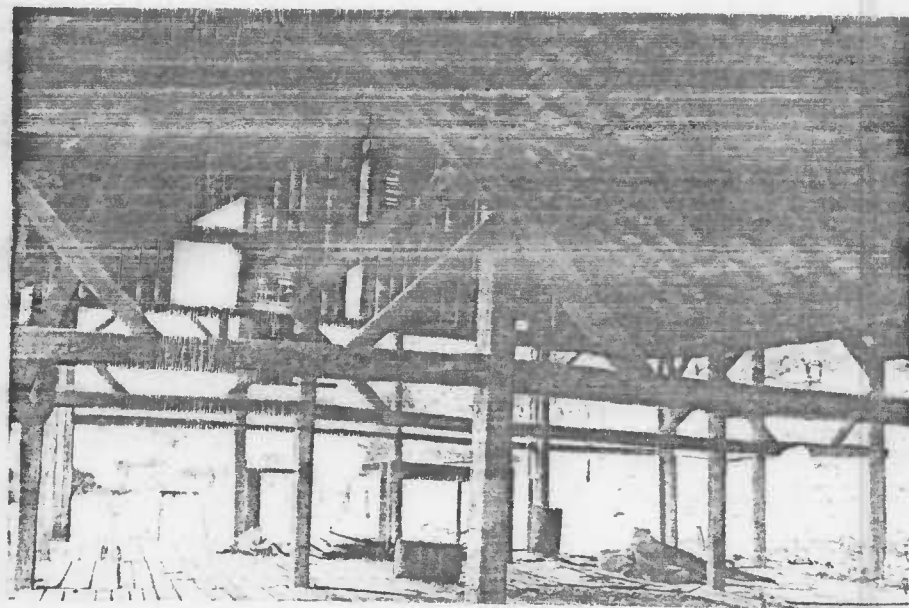
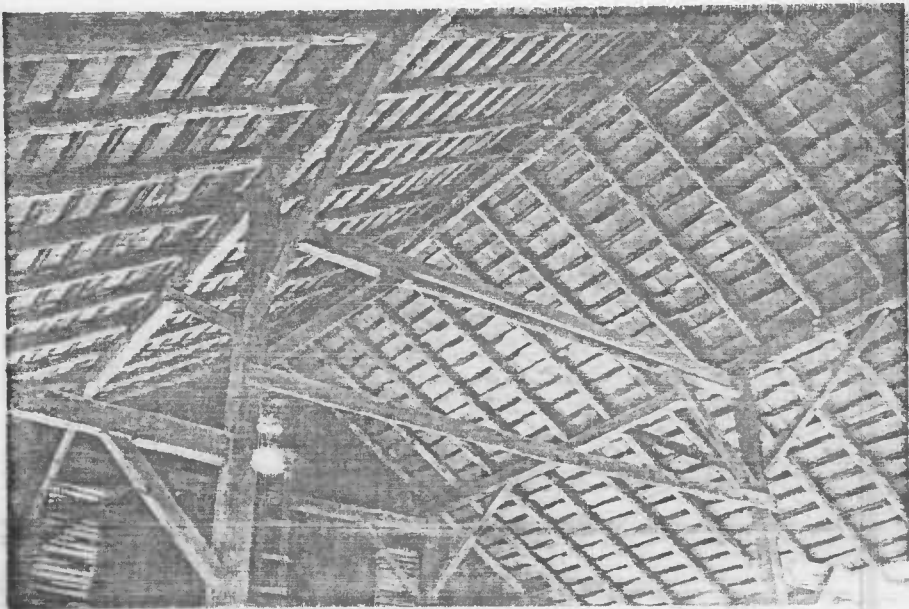
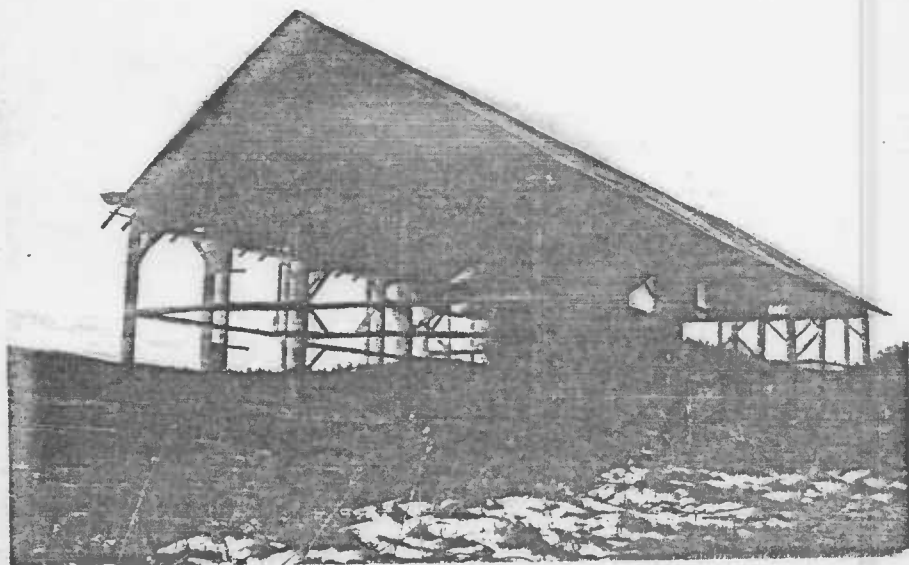


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p- North West Facades

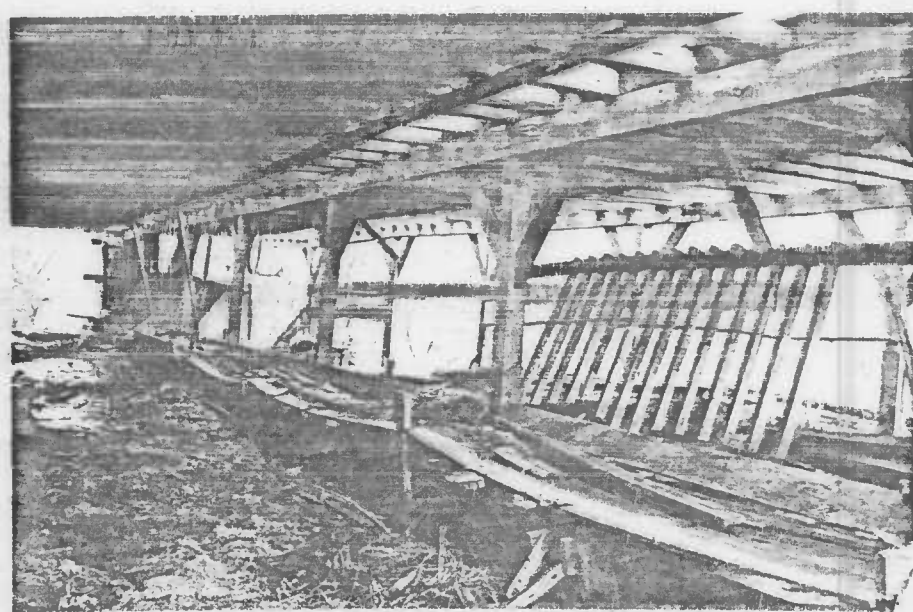
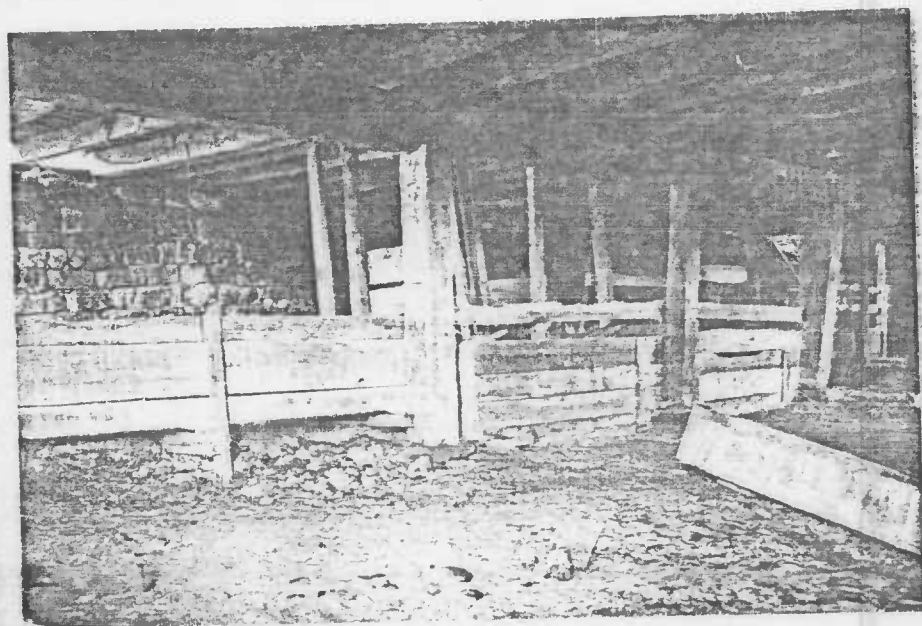
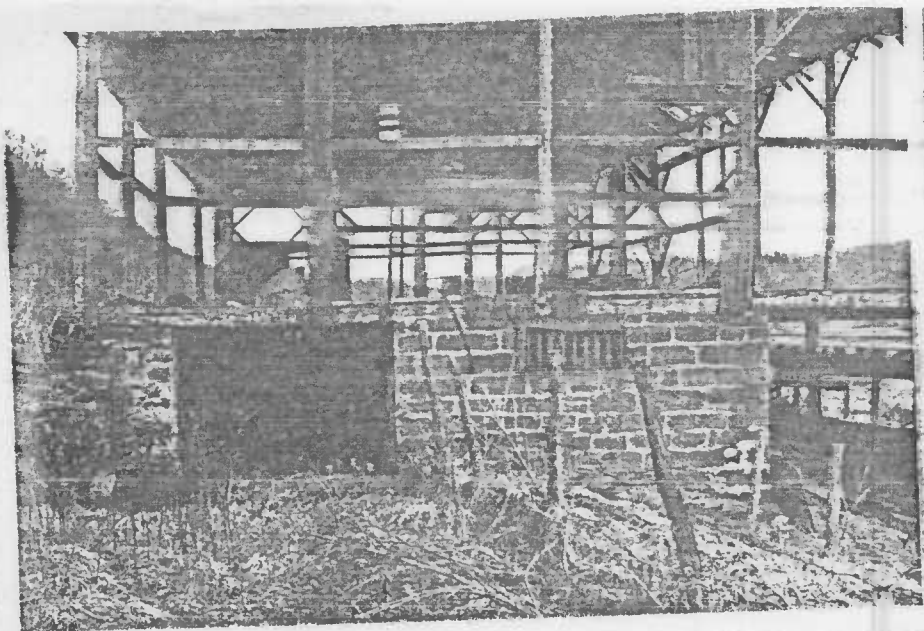
u- Framing Upper Section

h- Framing lower Section



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P - Foundation - South Facade
" - " - Interior Pens
" - " - Forebay Pens



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GREEN RIDGE STATE FOREST

U.S.G.S. Oldtown Quad

DNR #32-36

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Fred Morrison Complex

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Green Ridge State Forest 2½ miles northeast of Oldtown

CITY, TOWN

Oldtown

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6

STATE

Maryland

24

COUNTY

Allegany

001

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☐ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☐ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Maryland Department of Natural Resources

Buildings used for storage &
occasional residence.
Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Taylor Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21401

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**

___ EXCELLENT
___ GOOD
☒ FAIR

___ DETERIORATED
___ RUINS
___ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

___ UNALTERED
___ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

___ ORIGINAL SITE
___ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This farm is located in the western section of Green Ridge State Forest along the west side of Town Creek at the base of Stratford Ridge in Allegany County, Maryland. The complex is reached by a long dirt lane which approaches the buildings from the northeast. Included in the group is a 1950s concrete block hunters' cabin. This cabin was not photographed for the survey.

The second building encountered on the dirt lane is a house built about 1960, one story in height, of German sided frame construction. It has two fireplaces at the interior, one of which has a large flagstone hearth with a central stone cut in the shape of the head of a long horn steer.

The farm complex is approximately 1/3 mile south of the new frame house. It consists of a frame farm house, a frame bank barn and a frame spring house. The dwelling is a two and one half story, five bay structure in deteriorated condition. It is built into a slope with high stone foundations at the front elevation. Window sashes, where they remain, have six over six panes. The door which is located in the approximate center of the front wall, is plain and without a transom. The roof has modern asphalt shingles and an interior brick flue that extends from a point south of its center. A high porch with plain rails and posts shelters the three central bays of the front elevation.

The interior of the house has circa 1900 finishes although it is arranged in a traditional vernacular plan.

The entire house would appear to date from the early 1900s. The other buildings in the complex, the springhouse and the barn also appear to date from about 1900.

The barn rests on foundations of finely coursed native stone. Its end walls have wooden louvered ventilators. Beside the barn is a metal plate silo.

The buildings in this complex are in deteriorated to fair condition. Park personnel have indicated that plans have been made to raze the structures.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This farmstead with structures dating from about 1900 is typical of rural complexes in the mountainous areas of western Maryland. It has no great historical significance but may be considered as an example of regional architecture and agricultural practice.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Paula Stoner and Douglass Reed

ORGANIZATION

Preservation Associates

DATE

February 1979

STREET & NUMBER

P. O. Box 202

TELEPHONE

(301) 432-5466

CITY OR TOWN

Sharpsburg

STATE

Maryland

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Green Ridge State Forest

Morrison Complex

Tenant House

N. View

August 1973

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Green Ridge State Forest

Morrison Complex

Barren

N.E. View

August, 1918

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Green Ridge State Forest
Morrison Complex
Spring House
S.W. view
August, 1978

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Green Ridge State Forest

Morrison Complex

Hearth, Tenant House, Fireplace

August, 1978

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Green Ridge State Forest

Morrison Complex

Main house

W view

August 1978

Ah-II-B-127

DNR Survey

Paula Storer
Preservation Association